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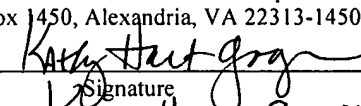
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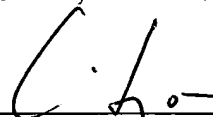
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1. Statement Filed Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure Under 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 (6 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
3. Cited Art (16 References); and
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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- ☒ An *original* Information Disclosure Statement; or
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Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited reference(s).

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